



**July 11, 2021**

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

***“Resurrection Lutheran Church exists to proclaim Jesus Christ as Savior, in an open accepting fellowship, a loving caring community that reaches out to all people to serve Christ through worshipping, teaching, learning, sharing and giving of ourselves to meet the needs of this congregation, the community and the world, as the Holy Spirit moves us.”***

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When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God’s saving love.

## GATHERING

### ELW Service of the Word

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 211)**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

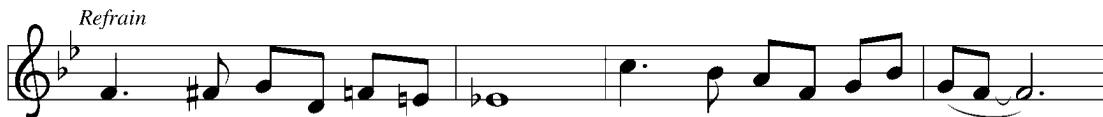
**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* (ELW 697)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Text: North American traditional  
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

**GREETING (ELW p. 213)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 215)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set**

**to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Amos 7:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>This is what the Lord GOD showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

<sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’”

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup>and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13**

<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

**<sup>9</sup>Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**<sup>11</sup>Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

## **SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 216)**

**Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter

**Glorify you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of the disciples' preaching, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

<sup>17</sup>For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her.

<sup>18</sup>For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife."

<sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for

Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. <sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." <sup>23</sup>And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." <sup>25</sup>Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup>Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, <sup>28</sup>brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON (ELW p. 217)**

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Listen, God Is Calling: Neno lake Mungu (ELW 513)*

Listen, God Is Calling  
*Neno lake Mungu*

*Refrain*  
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,  
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.  
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.  
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news  
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.  
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.  
that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune

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**CREED (ELW p. 217)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian(s) and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith especially *Benedict of Nursia*. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for our Bishops Susan and Sid, all our bishops, pastors, diaconal ministers, our lay leaders and all in ministry, for Resurrection Lutheran Church and for all members of Christ's body around the world. Help us to continue your work through prayer, service and grace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 217)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING (ELW p. 217)**

**CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 219)**

**Salvation belongs to our God**

**and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds,**

**O God of the universe;**

**just and true are your ways,**

**O Ruler of all the nations.**

**Who can fail to honor you, Lord,**

**and sing the glory of your name?**

**Salvation belongs to our God**

**and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**and blessed is the one**

**whose name is the Word of God.**

**All praise and thanks to you, holy God!**

**Salvation belongs to our God**

**and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 221)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

#### **SENDING**

#### **BLESSING (ELW p. 221)**

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* (ELW 708)

### Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

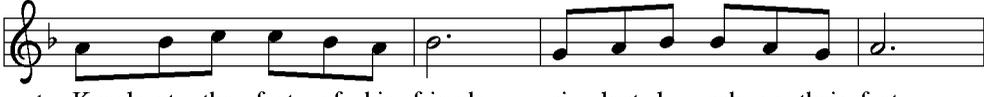
*Refrain*



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent-ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent-ly wash-ing their feet:

*Refrain*



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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### DISMISSAL (ELW p. 222)

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Special thanks to** our musician Kristine Gilbertson, our Worship Assistant Jane Amiotte, our Readers Kara Zapf and Marcelle-Anne Tote, David Kirton for technical support, and ??? for Zoom support.

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

**Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540**

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

**Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931**

**Monday, July 12, 2021**

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

**Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566**

**Saturday, July 17, 2021**

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Granted a large estate with indigenous slaves, he freed them after he was ordained a priest. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to improve the lives of the native peoples.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JULY 18, 2021**

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

### **PRAYER LIST**

Kurt England, Community members in Lytton, BC who has been devastated by wildfires, the victims and families of the condo collapse in Surfside, Florida, the wildfire evacuees of Lytton, BC, Margaret Kondra (for healing), Edgar Buck on the passing of Olive Buck, Brenda Jensen's mother Lena Hale (for healing), Dorothy Banjac, Bernice Thiessen, Pastor Gordon Jensen's father, Jens Jensen, Kara and Carissa Zapf on the passing of their mother, Carol-Lynne, Bonnie Semenoff for healing after surgery, Karissa Beattie and her family on the passing of her mother Pat Kauk, Colleen Rickard and family on the passing of her granddaughter Edanna, Corinne's brother Allan Mehmel, Shirley Welk and family, Bernice Ogryzlo's children Tim and Stephanie and their families, Lorraine Cowan and family as they mourn the passing of Bill Cowan, Ruth Hilderman (Esther Cherland's sister), Shelby Fischer and family for healing, and Betty Becker (Sharon Breadner's sister).

To add or remove names from the list, please contact the church office or call Pastor Ali.

2021 Monthly Budget: **\$15,000**

July envelope giving as of July 9<sup>th</sup>: **\$685**

Estimated PAR on July 20<sup>th</sup>: **\$7,297.75**

Chequing Account Balance July 9<sup>th</sup>: **\$5,812.03**

*Thank you for your generous giving especially during this extraordinary time!*

**MESSAGE FROM THE REOPENING COMMITTEE:** With the province removing COVID-related public health directives as of July 11, the Synod held another town hall meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss updating its guidelines.

In accordance with the updates, many precautions we were taking regarding in-person services at our church are being modified as of July 11. Starting today there is no limit on number of worshipers who can attend in-person and registration is no longer required. The congregation can participate in Holy Communion, as well as singing and praying out loud during service.

As part of the transition back to more regular in-person services, anyone attending in-person will still be required to mask, hand sanitize, and is reminded to stay home if feeling unwell. Also, during the transition phase this summer, the fellowship hall will remain closed and there will be no hand shaking during or after service.

Virtual worship via Zoom will continue to be available for those worshipping remotely. Each member is encouraged to reflect on his/her own comfort level, vaccination status, and personal circumstances when deciding on which format of worship is most appropriate.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** Next Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, will be a communion service. We will resume communion services being held on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.

We are very pleased to let the congregation know that the daycare, also known as Centre Educatif ChaCha Cooperative has opened on Monday, July 5, 2021. It has been a long wait for them because of Covid and waiting for government approval. They will continue to be in our prayers as they begin this new venture.

**WWDWWD STUDY:** Our last session of Why We Do What We Do (WWDWWD) Study was last Sunday June 27 at 9 AM.

We thank Pastor Gordon for journeying with us these past weeks.

We will observe a summer break and WWDWWD will resume on Sunday August 29, 2021 at 9:00am.

**RESURRECTION LUTHERAN COMPOST PROJECT UPDATE:** Finished and sifted compost is available in Bin #7 (north end) for anyone looking for material for filling pots or hanging baskets, or for top dressing on their lawn. Please help yourself. We could use

some "GREENS" (N) grass clippings, kitchen scraps (*no meat or dairy*), weeds, coffee grounds, green plant material, etc. to mix with our "BROWNS". Please deposit in Bin #2.

**SYNOD PANDEMIC GUIDELINES UPDATE FROM BISHOP SID HAUGEN** After consultation with just under 100 faith community leaders on May 12, Pastor Ali and Bishop Sid met to discuss what Synod Guidelines might look like over the summer. It seems likely that Health Directives will be changing throughout the summer, so rather than looking at 'guidelines for summer' we will need to be updating synod guidelines step by step. So, at this time, rather than giving specific guidance, synod is providing guiding principles for the summer of 2021.

**HELPING WOUNDED CHILDREN IN CAMEROON:** The Saskatoon Cameroonian Association is raising funds for the victims of a school shooting in the town of Kumba, Cameroon. The tragedy occurred on October 24, 2020, leaving seven children dead and at least 12 more injured during the shooting. All donations can be made through the church office and the funds will be remitted to the appropriate agencies. If you have any questions about this fundraising campaign, please contact Pastor. Ali, Linus Luki or Ryan.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Stephen Davis and Karla Hillis who were married on June 26, 2021 at Christ Lutheran Church in Regina, SK. Pastors Ali Tote and Dennis Hendricksen officiated at their wedding. We pray for Stephen and Karla as they embark on their marriage journey and we wish them God's abundant blessings.

**IN MEMORY OF OLIVE BUCK**  
**(NOVEMBER 7, 1933 – JUNE 9, 2021)**



We express the loss of our mom with great sadness. Olive passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 9, 2021 at the age of 88. She is survived by her sons Doug (Deanna) and Glen (Yolanda), daughter-in-law Anja and granddaughter Lina. Her son Keith predeceased her in 2016. Olive lived in Saskatoon for most of her life. She had a great sense of humor and always saw the upside of life with irony and wit. We will miss her and keep her precious soul in our hearts forever.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is seeking a person to serve in the part-time Administrative Assistant position. The position provides administration support to the Pastor, the Church Management Team, and other congregational committees. All interested applicants can contact Aaron Fornwald at 306-229-1974 or [aaron.fornwald@shaw.ca](mailto:aaron.fornwald@shaw.ca).

## **2021 SK SYNOD CONVENTION REPORT**

Pastor Ali and I attended the online Saskatchewan Synod convention as Resurrection's delegates on June 4 and 5. Keynote Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, Homiletics professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN spoke on the topic, "Walking Together: On the Road to Emmaus (Lk 24.13-35)." She connected the journey on the road to Emmaus with our experience now after a year of pandemic: Jesus recognizes that Cleopas and the unnamed disciple need a chance to articulate their anxieties and grief and encourages to voice their fears. Likewise, as we begin to be fully vaccinated and look towards a changed future, we are invited to pause and reflect on the difficult times we have lived through.

Bishop Sid and Bishop Susan gave reports, both describing their 2018 trip to Argentina (our Synod Partner) as a highlight since the last convention. The presidents of Luther College and Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon, and the Executive Director of CLWR all gave reports. Videos from CLWR and Indigenous Christian Fellowship in Regina were both interesting. (Other partner ministries submitted written reports.) CEO Gabe Lafond was present from LutherCare for the LutherCare Communities Corporation meeting, at which the convention voted in favour of a bylaw amendment that would open Associate Membership up to people of a "world religion if that person is committed to the Vision and Mission of LutherCare Communities." (Previously, only members of Christian denominations were eligible.)

With respect to elections, the following candidates were elected: Lynda Erlandson (St. Paul, Radisson) and Rev. Doug Schmirler (retiring), to Synod Council; Mary Vetter (Bread of Life, Regina), and Rev. Stewart Miller (Bread of Life, Regina), to LTS Board of Governors. We learned that Saskatchewan will be allowed 31 delegates (12 rostered, 19 lay including 6 youth) at the July 2022 National Convention in Calgary.

The convention chairs and other participants agreed that, as with Sunday worship, it was good to have been able to go ahead with this convention over Zoom rather than to postpone it, but everyone is very much looking forward to going back to in-person gatherings in the future. (Me too... half the point of going to these things is networking with friends and colleagues during the breaks and evenings.)

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Giles